

COUNCIL ASKED TO INVESTIGATE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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pointed by the presiding officers of the said bodies, respectively, be, and they hereby authorize, and directed to institute a thorough investigation in relation to the matters and things hereinbefore set forth, and any other matters and things of the public schools of the city of Richmond, and make a report of the result of such investigation to either branch of the Council, together with their recommendations in regard thereto, with proper ordinances or resolutions carrying out their proposed recommendations.

Hutzel Is Sent For

When Mr. Pollock, of the subcommittee, presented the report Mr. Gustave Hutzler, president of the school board, without placing the members of the school board on notice, and a recess was taken until Mr. Hutzler and Mr. Ebel arrived. After hearing the report, Mr. Hutzler raised the point that the subcommittee had been instructed to confer with the school board. Had such a conference taken place he thought there would have been a more perfect understanding, since there was no principle announced in the report that any member of the school board would object to. He characterized the report which accompanied the two resolutions as a purely ex parte statement, the subcommittee having only partially heard from one side. As to all investigation, he asserted that every member of the school board was willing and anxious for such an inquiry, either by the Council or by any board of educational experts, and demanded that it be made most thorough.

Mr. Hutzler was proceeding to a general discussion of the conditions, asserting that no teacher had ever appealed to him who didn't get a fair hearing, when Mr. Hirschberg raised a point of order that the committee was not making an investigation, but was merely deciding whether to recommend that the Council order such an inquiry.

Shots at Hirschberg

"There are some directions from which I don't expect very much consideration," remarked Mr. Hutzler. "That remark should be explained," said Mr. Pollock, chairman of the subcommittee. "If I am the man, let Mr. Hutzler call names. I am not willing to let such an assertion go unchallenged."

"The remark should either be withdrawn or explained," ruled Chairman Umlauf.

"I refer to Mr. John Hirschberg," said Mr. Hutzler. "On two occasions I have had interviews with Mr. Hirschberg, and on neither occasion was I treated with proper courtesy. Therefore I don't expect much consideration from Mr. Hirschberg."

Mr. Hutzler continued his remarks by saying that the report was right in stating that there were many things regulated by the State Board of Education which should be handled by the city school authorities.

Too Much Interference.

"It would be a great victory for the schools and school patrons of Richmond if the City School Board were allowed to regulate the certificates of teachers instead of having it done over our heads by the State Board," he declared. "We tried once to get that change made by the Legislature, and

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Mr. Ebel, of the school board, endorsed the stand taken by Chairman Hutzler, and added that the increase for teachers, which he thought fully merited, should be based both on experience and preparation—not on experience alone.

Mr. Pollock explained that the subcommittee had attended a meeting of the committee of teachers and schools of the City School Board, and had considered that a sufficient conference. "I will add," he said, "that there is not a word of suggestion in our report that the City School Board is not competent or thoroughly honorable."

Hirschberg Comes Back

Rising to a question of personal privilege, Mr. Hirschberg asked when the two occasions of alleged discourtesy occurred to which Mr. Hutzler had alluded. Mr. Hutzler replied that some time ago Mr. Hirschberg had appeared before the school board asking that teachers be paid twice a month, and on being told that this would require several additional meetings of the members of the board were not entitled to much consideration if they were not willing to attend the meetings.

Mr. Hirschberg explained that Mr. Corley, chairman of the subcommittee, had been promising him a hearing on the subject for more than a year, and had never given him the courtesy of calling a meeting. Mr. Hutzler's other alleged discourtesy was at the conference when Mr. Pollock and other members of the subcommittee withdrew. He had called to Mr. Hirschberg to remain, and said that the Councilman "turned his back and walked off." Mr. Hirschberg said he did not hear any one call him, and

merely left the meeting, intending to offense.

Want All Teachers Raised

On the pay question, Mr. Hutzler said that the school board was unanimous in recommending that every teacher have an advance—not merely the women teachers of the white elementary grades. When the paper had been recommended for adoption, Mr. Ebel urged that the committee as new business take up and make recommendations on the pay of other teachers, but Chairman Umlauf ruled that such a proposition must be deferred in the Council and take the usual channels of reference.

In the debate there was some passing reference to the teaching of knitting instead of spelling, and of burnt wood work in the place of arithmetic, members of the subcommittee being convinced that many frills and fancies permeated the schools, taking the time and attention of the pupils from the regular educational course.

Text of Report

The full text of the report of the subcommittee follows:

Your subcommittee, to whom was referred the petition of the elementary school teachers of the city of Richmond, beg to report as follows:

Your committee had several sessions, heard from the teachers at length, and attended upon a meeting of the special committee on teachers and schools of the school board of the city of Richmond, and after going over the entire matter beg to say that they believe, in view of what is paid for similar service in other cities, that the request set out in the petition of the elementary teachers in a fair one, but your committee do not feel that they would be warranted at this time in recommending so great a raise as is therein asked, because of the many demands upon the City Treasury by other departments.

Graduation of Salaries

Your committee, in arriving at what would be proper compensation in view of all the circumstances, had to consider how the salaries should be graduated, whether from a rating to be fixed by the superintendent or of the school board, or whether solely on length of service, and after a consideration of all the facts brought to their attention, are unanimously of opinion that the salaries of the elementary teachers should be graded with reference to their length of service as teachers, it being presumed that no teacher would be retained who was not thoroughly competent to instruct in the course assigned her.

Your committee fully recognize that the Council is without power to dictate to the school board as to how such graduation shall be determined, but they feel that if the will of the Council is expressed along this line and an appropriation made for elementary teachers in accordance with a schedule based upon length of service, that the school board will carry out such expression in a fair and proper appropriation accordingly.

Your committee therefore recommend that the salaries of the elementary school teachers be fixed as follows: First year teachers, the sum of \$45 per month for nine months; second year teachers, the sum of \$51 per month for nine months; third year teachers, the sum of \$57 per month for nine months; fourth year teachers, the sum of \$63 per month for nine months; fifth year teachers, the sum of \$69 per month for nine months; sixth year teachers, the maximum sum of \$90 per month for nine months; and we herewith report a resolution which we urge to be recommended to the Council for adoption, directing the Committee on Finance to put in the appropriation for schools for the fiscal year 1912 a sum sufficient to raise the elementary teachers in our school system in accordance with said schedule.

Executive Pay to Supervisors.

Your committee further beg to report that in the consideration of this matter there have been conditions brought to their attention, which, while not within the scope of the investigation authorized by you, they feel it but proper that report thereof should be made to you and through you to the Council. Your committee finds that a number of the teachers and supervisors are paid salaries which, in their opinion, are much in excess of what they should be for the services rendered. This, however, is our opinion without a full investigation as to these particular matters.

Another matter which was brought to the attention of your committee was the complaint that the curriculum of the elementary grades was not what it should be, and could be greatly improved, and a much more practical and efficient course of training inaugurated in the primary grades. Your subcommittee in no manner means this as a criticism of the school board, for they did not think it was within their province to go fully into this matter, and therefore this suggestion is given from such facts as were brought incidentally upon the other hearing.

Hampered by State Board.

Your committee further learned that the school board of the city of Richmond, which has appropriated to it from the city treasury the major portion of the fund used in our schools, are practically controlled by the State

Board of Education, in many matters of the greatest moment, and matters which it seems to your committee should be voted by law under the control of the City School Board.

Your committee regrets to have to report further that there seems to be a serious lack of harmony and co-operation between the teachers on the one hand and the principals and superintendents on the other hand, which has a tendency to demoralize and greatly decrease the efficiency of our public school system.

Demand Fuller Investigation.

Your subcommittee begs to impress upon you that the suggestions with reference to the matters other than that upon which they were directed to report, are not the result of that careful investigation and research that would be necessary in order to state them as facts. They are simply the opinions of your committee from extraneous facts brought out during their investigation, but they feel that your attention and the attention of the Council should be called to them, that an investigation may be set on foot to ascertain fully the curriculum and management of the schools of the city of Richmond, as well as to secure legislative enactments to give to the City School Board greater power in relation to the management of the city schools. They, therefore, forward with this report a resolution looking to the Council for such disposition as the committee may see fit to make therewith.

Respectfully,
(Signed)
GILBERT K. POLLOCK,
Chairman.
W. D. BUTLER,
JOHN HIRSCHBERG,
Subcommittee.

FORCED TO SURRENDER

Suspected of Being Implicated in Hold-up of Police Station

At the command of his sister, James Burwell, colored, walked into the Second Police Station last night and offered to surrender himself on a charge which had been preferred against him. He was not arrested, and, in effect, was bade to go. A few minutes later he was arrested by Detective Sergeant Wiley and Policemen Folkes and Smith on suspicion of being implicated in the hold-up of Pincus Grazeck about three weeks ago.

Burwell denies all knowledge of the crime, but the detectives have information that he was among those present when the crime was committed. When Grazeck, who is a member of the firm of Grazeck & Roman, bakers, was robbed on North Seventeenth Street, he stated that there were several negroes in the gang. So far, the police have arrested six suspects, and warrants have been sworn out against most of them. It was afterwards learned that there were eight negroes concerned in the hold-up. Six have been arrested, two of them having been brought back by Policeman Gordon Smith from Newport News.

Mr. Grazeck was held up at the point of a pistol while on his route delivering bread to the house of a friend from his wagon, and his horse was tied to a tree or post. But the highwaymen kept out of his way for their pains. They obtained only a small amount of cash and a few loaves of bread.

SHOT IN BACK

Brothers Recent Inmate to Sister, and Robert Yancey Is Wounded.

Robert Yancey, colored, was shot last night in front of his house at 1321 Moore Street, and a short time later Charlie, John and Beverly Morton, also colored, were arrested on a charge of having been participants in the shooting.

It is alleged that Beverly Morton fired the shot. The bullet entered the lower part of Yancey's back, and, for the time being, he was rendered hors de combat. The assailants desisted from further attack, and the city ambulance was called. Dr. Crowley was summoned, and the wounded man was treated on the spot, and was conveyed to this home.

The three negroes were taken into custody by Detective Sergeants Bailey and Wren and by Detectives Gentry and Belton, who were immediately notified of the shooting.

It was stated that the shooting was the result of Yancey's insulting attentions to a sister of the Mortons.

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News of South Richmond

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The body of George E. Gary was laid to rest yesterday afternoon in Maury Cemetery.

The funeral was conducted from the Maury Memorial Church, which was crowded with friends and relatives. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. T. Ernest Warren, assisted by the Rev. Ben Dennis.

The pallbearers were: Honorary—James Ernest Weiss, S. B. Whit and R. Carlet Scott, Colonel B. O. James, Charles F. Taylor, J. R. Anderson, J. W. Brown, and S. H. Harnish. Active—J. W. Graves, A. L. Adamson, L. W. Fenley, L. J. Jones, W. H. Washington, B. F. Owen, John L. Morris and R. H. Minor.

Committees from the Manchester Lodge of Elks, Royal Arcanum, Hesperia and Woodmen of the World, of which Mr. Gary was a member, attended the services. The choir of the church was covered with floral tributes, and an extra wagon preceded the body to the cemetery.

Cause Is Continued.

Being unable to hear all the evidence Judge Ernest H. H. continued the case of Crew against Donella, which was on trial in Hustings Court, Part 2, until this morning.

A. A. Crew, the plaintiff, is asking for \$10,000 damages for slander and defamation of character. He alleges that Donella, under whom he was a subcontractor, used words in the presence of others which were false, scandalous, malicious and defamatory, when which constituted an injury tending to provoke a breach of the peace.

He furthermore claims the language used has injured his name, fame, credit and business. Donella in a special plea admits using the words alleged in the declaration, but claims they were the truth and justified. Handed over to the jury.

In Police Court.

Squire J. T. Williams, sitting for Justice H. Matthews, in Police Court, yesterday dismissed the one lone offender, P. M. Wilkinson, who was arrested Thursday night after causing a great excitement in Swansboro and Upper South Richmond, where his actions led to the belief that he was an escaped inmate. Wilkinson appeared in court yesterday and was released.

But plead that he was from the country and had come to the city to see the football game, but indulged too freely in liquor. He was given a warning and told to go his way.

Fired on Burglar.

Awakened by a slight grating noise at a lower window, Robert W. Goodman, 1312 Everett Street, surprised two men in an effort to enter his home last night.

The men, it is said, were industriously prying open the window. Goodman, as quietly as possible, got his gun and raised the upper window and fired twice. The men were evidently frightened off by the noise made by Goodman, as it would have been almost impossible to miss them at the range.

The attempted burglary was reported to the Southside police, who on investigation failed to see any signs either of the burglar or their work.

A box car at the freight depot of the Atlantic Coast Line was also broken open, and as far as known a dozen quarts of whiskey and a half dozen pairs of shoes were all the booty secured by the thief. The robbery was reported and detectives put on the trail.

Colored Boy Shot.

Elmer Hawkins, a colored youth, was brought to the city yesterday, suffering with a bullet wound in the hip, inflicted by a negro, whose name is thought to be A. Z. Finney. The shooting, which is claimed was without provocation, occurred near Winterpark, Chesterfield county, early yesterday morning. Hawkins, according to his story, was walking quietly along the road when the man jumped out of the bushes and, without warning, opened fire with a pistol.

With a bullet in his hip, Hawkins fell to the ground, where he was found by his brother, who quickly hitched up a team and brought the boy to the Memorial Hospital, stopping first, however, to give the alarm to Squire L. W. Cheatham, of Oak Grove. The county officers are on the lookout for the man, but have a very meagre description.

Property Transfers.

Maria A. Turner yesterday transferred her title in the property known as lot and 163 Cowardin Avenue to Milton H. Staples for a consideration of \$250. The property front fifty-six feet on the avenue and runs back 134 feet.

For a consideration of \$500, Woodward & son yesterday acquired the title to twenty-three feet of property on Fourth between Main and Decatur Streets from William T. Temple.

New Pastor to Preach.

At Ashbury Methodist Episcopal Church (to-morrow) the newly-appointed pastor, Rev. J. R. Eggleston, will preach at both services, taking for his morning theme "Unity" and at night "Ministry's Business." The choir will sing at the morning service "All United in Jesus," and at night "Sing Aloud, Hosanna." Epworth League service at 7 o'clock.

Married in North Carolina.

Wishing to surprise their friends, Miss Bessie May Varner and J. O. Sharp, of South Richmond, slipped off and were quietly married Wednesday, November 29, in Halifax, N. C. The young couple, who are well known on the Southside, have returned, and will make their home with the bride's parents on New Road, Chesterfield county.

Death of Mrs. Jarrell.

Mrs. Perdonia Jarrell died yesterday morning shortly after 7 o'clock in the home of her son, Officer George T. Jarrell, in Swansboro, aged seventy years. Mrs. Jarrell had been in ill health for several months, and her death, though unexpected has caused much sorrow among a large circle of friends. She was the widow of E. H. Jarrell, who died several years ago. Mrs. Jarrell is survived by one son, four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. She was the sister of Mrs. Andrew J. Warren, William H. Adams and Lucien C. Minor, of Richmond, and John Minor, of Arizona.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from Weatherford Memorial Baptist church, Swansboro.

Personal Mention.

Mrs. T. W. White, who has been the guest of Mrs. P. C. Zisler, has returned to her home in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. H. Bolton, of Rocky Mount, is visiting Mrs. W. H. Bolton, 1309 Hull Street.

Miss Temple Carter has returned home after a visit of several weeks in Petersburg.

C. L. Jaker, of Charleston, S. C., who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. P. C. Zisler, has returned home.

Charged With Assault.

Andrew Peace, colored, was arrested last night on a charge of assaulting Walter Wilson.

Grandison Patterson was arrested on suspicion of having stolen a pair of shoes from Edward Falson. Both are colored.

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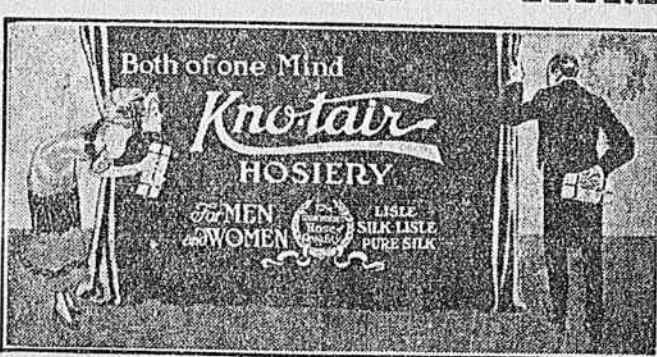
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